

# Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Panico Implore Suffolk Legislative Majority to Put the Public Good Ahead of Politics

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**Farmingville, NY** - Brookhaven Town Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Panico again called on the Suffolk Legislature's Democratic Majority to merge the dates for the special election in the First Legislative District and Brookhaven Town Highway Superintendent together on the same date to save taxpayers dollars.

"It is unfortunate that a mutually agreeable date could not be reached," commented Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine. "Councilman Panico had introduced a resolution to allow for a mutual date to be reached, which I wholeheartedly support. Since there is no willingness on their part, the Town will not move to change the election date as the issue is now moot. We will, as we have in the past, allow at least 60 days for our Highway candidates to become known and to fully discuss the issues."

Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico introduced a resolution to provide for the greatest flexibility, to amend the law to mirror the County law on the filling of vacancies - which was to be voted on at the December 18th meeting.

"I have done everything I can in the name of saving taxpayer dollars and in furtherance of getting a fair mutual election date," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "Unfortunately, for reasons I can only describe as disappointing and overtly political, our Town efforts were continually rebuffed. Therefore, I will withdraw my public hearing as moot and now the wasteful costs of holding two special elections lay squarely at the feet of the Legislative Majority of Suffolk County. I want to thank Legislator John Kennedy, who represents a portion of Brookhaven, for his leadership on this issue and for trying to achieve a mutual date."

For more information about the Town of Brookhaven and/or to follow the achievements and actions Councilman Panico is taking to improve our communities please go to [www.Brookhaven.org](http://www.Brookhaven.org).

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